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TO AMCONSUL CALCUTTA

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AMCONSUL BOMBAY

AMCONSUL MADRAS

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SUBJ: CONSULAR JURISDICTION; TRAVEL TO THE NORTHEAST

REF: NEW DELHI 1478; B. CALCUTTA 0303

1. PURSUANT TO REFTEL A, CONVERSATION ON CONSULAR JURISDICTIONS, EMBOFF CITED FOR BARUA, MEA AMERICAN DIVISION, MEA NOTES DESCRIBING MULTIPLE STATE JURISDICTIONS FOR BOMBAY AND MADRAS. BARUA IN TURN REFERRED TO MEA NOTE RECOGNIZING CONSUL GENERAL KORN'S JURISDICTION AS WEST BENGAL, BIHAR, AND ORISSA ONLY. BARUA RAPIDLY BACKTRACKED FROM HIS REFTEL A OBSERVATION, ON SINGLE STATE JURISDICTION, EXPLAINING THAT HE WAS SPEAKING ON THE BASIS OF AN MEA NOTE WHICH LIMITS THE JURISDICTION OF CONSULS TO THE STATE IN WHICH THEY RESIDE UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.

2. EMBOFF TOOK OCCASION TO REMIND BARUA THAT WHATEVER ADVERSE PUBLICITY THERE MAY HAVE BEEN AGAINST AMERICAN OFFICERS FROM CALCUTTA WAS NEITHER JUSTIFIED NOR CURRENT. BARUA TOOK PAINS TO POPOINT OUT HE HAD RAISED THIS MATTER

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INFORMALLY, AND ONLY IN THE ATTEMPT TO BE CONSTRUCTIVE IN ENCOURAGING THE EMBASSY TO RECONSIDER ITS BID FOR KORN TO TRAVEL IN THE NORTHEAST DURING THE ELECTION PERIOD.

3. IN RESPONSE TO THE EMBOFF'S REMARKS THAT IT HAD NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO FIND ACCOUNTS OF A SOVIET DELEGATION IN NORTHEASTERN INDIAN DURING THE PERIOD OF SOVIET CONSUL

GENERAL VEZIROF'S TRIP, BARUA SAID THERE WERE TWO SOVIT DELEGATIONS THERE LAST FALL. EACH DELEGATION CONSISTED OF SOVIET OFFICIALS DRAWN FROM THE SOVIET EMBASSY, THE CONSULATE, AND SOVIET VISITORS. THE DELEGATIONS, BARUA CONTINUED, TOOK PART IN OBSERVANCES MARKING THE SIGNING OF THE INDO-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP TREATY OF 1971. (WE CAN FIND NO SPECIFIC REPORTS ON SOVIT DELEGATIONS VISITING THE NORTHEAST IN OCTOBER, BUT THERE WERE AT LEAST TWO GROUPS WHICH CAME TO INDIA TO MARK THE MONTH-LONG ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOVIET-INDIAN TREATY OF PEACE, FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION, OR THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF BREZHNEV'S VISIT TO INDIA. ONE OF THE GROUPS WAS SLATED TO VISIT GAUHATI IN SEPTEMBER.)

4. THE EMBASSY FORWARDED TO THE MEA ON FEBRUARY 10 THE RENEWED APPLICATION FOR CONSUL GENERAL KORN TO TRAVEL TO ASSAM AND MEGHALAYA, APRIL 11-15.

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